

What is claimed is:

1. A cleaning system for the removal of coagulant residue from formers comprising:
 - a) a first bath (a) comprising an aqueous solution comprising EDTA, wherein said EDTA is present at from 0.1 to 30 percent by weight; and
 - b) a second bath (c) comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of ETDA , detergent, and base.
2. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath further comprises from 0.25 to 7.5 percent by weight of at least one detergent, 0.01 to 10 percent by weight of at least one base, or a combination thereof.
3. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.
4. The cleaning system of claim 2 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.
5. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said EDTA in both baths (a) and (c) is present as an aqueous solution of ammonium EDTA, sodium EDTA, or a combination thereof.
6. The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a third bath (b) located between the first and the second baths, wherein said third bath comprises water.
7. The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a forth bath (d) located after the second bath (c), wherein said third bath comprises water.
8. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 0.5 to 15 percent by weight of EDTA.

9. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 1 to 10 percent by weight of EDTA.
10. The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein each bath has a temperature of from 30°C to 80°C.
11. A method for cleaning a mold or former for forming a latex article, wherein said method comprises:
 - a) immersing said mold or former into a cleaning bath comprising EDTA;
 - b) optionally immersing said mold or former into at least one water bath;
 - c) optionally immersing said mold or former into a second cleaning bath comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of EDTA, detergent, and base; and
 - d) optionally immersing said mold or former into a final water bath.
12. The method of claim 11 wherein each cleaning and water bath has a temperature of from 30°C to 80°C.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 3 to 60 seconds.
14. The method of claim 13 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 5 to 20 seconds.